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MEMORANDUM TO: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: ORE Status Report: June 1947

I. IMPLEMENTATION OF RECENTLY PROPOSED PLANS AND POLICIES

1. Interdepartmental Plans and Policies

a. Concurring or Dissenting Action by IAB Agencies on ORE Papers. Present ORE procedure is to set a deadline of one week for such concurrences or dissents. This deadline has been met satisfactorily in every case recently with one exception, ORE 17. In this instance, the State Department statement of dissent was obtained only after a series of conferences involving the greater portion of a month's time. The difficulty encountered in this instance resulted from conclusions which were read into the paper by the State Department, but which were neither implied nor intended by ORE. This experience is a recurring problem in dealing with the State Department.

b. Integration of the Basic Intelligence Program within ORE. Pending approval by the NIA of the concept of the Basic Intelligence Program contained in IAB #1, and pending formal action of the JIC to transfer the Joint Intelligence Study Publishing Board responsibilities and facilities to CIG, the Basic Intelligence effort is currently being expended upon the editing and review of material prepared as a result of the Defense Project.

c. Joint Map and Photo Committee (JMPC).

(1) At its June meeting, the Joint Map and Photo Committee explored further the problem of deriving basic terrain intelligence from aerial photographs by the comparative method. The services of the Joint Research and Development Board were enlisted to provide a determination of areas in the Western Hemisphere analogous to those of the USSR. Upon completion of such assistance from the Joint Research and Development Board, it is proposed that photography over the Western Hemisphere areas will be accomplished and a set of "keys" prepared which will serve as indices to such factors as trafficability of soil, water table depth, climate, etc. These "keys" will serve as a guide to photo interpreters in making terrain analyses from aerial photographs where direct access to the ground is otherwise difficult.

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(2) The ad hoc Committee on Gazetteers has completed a survey of the holdings of foreign gazetteers currently used by the IAB and Mapping and Charting agencies. The results of this survey are being compared, correlated and tabulated by ORE as a reference guide for authorized agencies and will form the basis of a program for the compilation of gazetteers for the official U. S. International Gazetteer program.

d. Intelligence Terminology. With the exception of two terms, the definitions of which are still a matter of discussion, the CIG-JIS committee has completed consideration of intelligence terms with a view towards standardizing definitions. These terms were submitted for review and comment to a lexicographer whose services were made available to CIG by the Librarian of Congress. The agreed upon terms have been forwarded to the Joint Logistics Planners for inclusion in the Joint Army-Navy Dictionary. CIG will take final action to recommend uniform usage of these terms among the IAB agencies.

2. CIG Plans and Policies.

a. Disposition of USSBS Files. The United States Strategic Bombing Survey (USSBS) has completed the processing of its files and is engaged in the transfer of this material to the Archivist for permanent custody. CIG responsibility in connection with these files includes the maintenance of a reference to their content and safeguarding access to the material by unauthorized personnel. Arrangements have been agreed upon within CIG whereby ORE will obtain and cross-index by subject and area and maintain the records of material contained in these files. OCD will administer the security clearances of personnel authorized to have access to the material in custody of the Archivist.

b. Foreign Industrial Establishments. IAB, ORE and OO representatives have developed and approved an agreed upon standard system for cross-referencing data pertaining to foreign industrial establishments obtained from the Industrial Card Files (ICF) of the Special Documents Center. ORE is applying this system to 500 of the 34,000 ICF cards received to ascertain the suitability of the system for this purpose.

c. Board on Geographical Names (BGN). The CIG member of the Advisory Committee, BGN, was appointed to the Foreign Names Subcommittee, which met on 30 June 1947 and accepted for promulgation a list of place names for Jamaica, British West Indies and agreed that the name "TRANS-JORDAN" would henceforth be changed officially to "TRANSJORDAN", with the hyphen omitted.

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3. ORE Plans and Policies.

a. Implementation of ICAPS Survey. Action has been completed on three of the six specific recommendations made as a result of the ICAPS survey and specified in the memorandum of the Deputy Director dated 29 April 1947, subject as above. ORE is prepared to complete action on the remaining three recommendations pending completion by OO and P & A of their collaborative responsibilities in each case.

b. ORE Interests in ASA Activities. ORE has completed its survey of the extent to which it should make organizational provision for participation in ASA and USCIB activities. The conclusions of this survey have resulted in proposed organizational alignment of ORE to provide for CIG interests in this subject.

II. ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OVERALL MISSION**1. Intelligence Production.**

a. Basic Intelligence. An interim editorial board has been established and activated within ORE under the Chairmanship of the Chief, Basic Intelligence Staff, who has been designated as the CIG Coordinator of the Defense Project. The Board is engaged in the editing and review of basic intelligence on the USSR produced under provisions of the Defense Project. With the exception of one or two sections from the State Department, all material allocated to the IAB agencies is scheduled for completion as of 1 July and the remainder to be completed during July.

b. Current Intelligence. A summary of total reports under each category, together with comparative totals of previous month, is set forth below:

	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>
(1) <u>Daily Summaries:</u>		
Issues	25	26
Items	200	183
(2) <u>Weekly Summaries:</u>		
Issues	4	5
Items	29	52
Interpretations	31	36
(3) <u>Special Evaluations:</u>	1 (#16)	1 (#15)

c. CIG Staff Intelligence. Situation Reports are being produced at a continuously accelerated rate, as shown in the following comparative tabulation. Five of the six Regional Branches have now engaged in the preparation of situation reports through completion

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or revision into final form. Based upon this experience, it is anticipated that the production rate of one report per month per branch will be obtained within the next 30 to 60 days unless priority production for SWNCC increases.

	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>
(1) Situation Reports:		
Completed for Publication	2	1
Completed by ORE	0	2
Undergoing Final Review	3	0
Initial Draft Completed	4	5
Initial Draft in Preparation	22	16

(2) ORE Special Estimates: The rate of production of Special Estimates in the ORE Series has been maintained without decline even though production for SWNCC and of Situation Reports has increased, as indicated in the following tabulation:

	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>
Completed for Publication	2	2
Completed by ORE	0	2
Undergoing Final Review	2	0
Initial Draft in Preparation	6	7
In Deferred Status	3	4

(3) Intelligence Production for SWNCC: During June, CIG-SWNCC relationships were established on a more effective working level basis than heretofore. CIG is engaged in the following activities in support of SWNCC operations:

(a) CIG review and comment on the intelligence aspects of SWNCC studies of each country which may require U. S. aid.

(b) The preparation of CIG estimates of probable Soviet and Soviet-inspired reactions to the program recommended in each study of the foreign aid series.

(c) Participation in the SWNCC Sub-committee engaged in the preparation of a report on the strategic considerations in the locations of Near-East oil pipe lines.

SWNCC papers are being received almost daily, and require immediate attention in order to meet SWNCC's 15 July deadline for completion of its world wide review.

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2. Development of National Intelligence Requirements.

a. National Intelligence Requirements. Consideration is being given to the planning of NIR's in synchronisation with the production of Situation Reports. The following tabulation reflects current progress for JUNE:

Completed

Iran
Korea
China (1st Revision)

Nearing Completion

Greece
Turkey
Arab States

b. International Conferences. Requirements for information desired from the International Civil Aeronautics Conference in Rio de Janeiro have been transmitted to OCD.

c. Commercial Contacts. Requirements for briefing and interrogation of four businessmen traveling to Europe were prepared and transmitted to OCD.

3. Oral Presentations Arranged for OIG.

a. 2 June - Adm. Alan G. Kirk (Ambassador to Belgium) Lecture on Belgium.

b. 12 June - Mr. Mark Ethridge (U.S. Delegate to United Nations Balkan Investigating Commission) Lecture on United Nations Balkan Inquiry.

c. 13 June - Lt. General Alvin C. Gillen (former Commanding General, Peiping Headquarters Group) Lecture on China.

d. 20 June - Brig. General C. V. Schayler (U.S. Representative to Allied Control Commission, Rumania) Lecture on Rumania.

4. Scientific Branch Activities.

a. Atomic Energy Commission. While no reply to the CIG proposal of 14 April 1947 outlining the basis for CIG-AEC relationships has been received from AEC, daily working level relations are continuing and AEC's intelligence requirements are being processed. A total of 70 communications between CIG and AEC have been processed during this period.

b. Joint Research and Development Board. Liaison with JRDB and participation in its committees and panels have continued in addition to the daily effort of meeting JRDB's intelligence requirements.

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g. Scientific Intelligence Production. A factual study on the Rare Metals Industry in USSR produced by the Nuclear Energy Group was prepared and transmitted for publication and dissemination to OGD. Consideration was given to making this study a part of the Defense Project, which action would have resulted in delaying its availability to interested agencies. It was therefore decided to publish it as a separate study immediately and incorporate relevant parts into the Defense Project at a later date.

5. Reference Branch Activities.

g. Central Index. Based upon determination of specific requirements of each of the IAB agencies, and in view of the overall utility of the central index, an intelligence indexing and filing system is in the process of being applied to intelligence reference materials available in, and currently being received by, CIG. The present system is based upon codes developed from consideration of the BID, Navy Monograph Guide, Intelligence Guide, State Department Classification and the Voge Classification for scientific subjects as developed by JHDS. Operational experience with this system for the balance of this quarter and the next quarter will result in certain adjustments and modifications. Based upon this experience, ORS will recommend action leading to universal IAB acceptance of the system within each agency.

b. Contact Control Register. 312 sources, including specific information concerning the foreign intelligence potential of each, and 325 "name check" sources, with no information regarding intelligence potential, were entered into the Contact Control Register.

c. Biographical Intelligence Register. 1,247 additional individuals were entered into the Biographical Intelligence Register, primarily from State Department sources. In addition, "category" files were coded and punched for five separate countries. These files contain breakdowns of individuals related to governmental structures, political parties and other key organizations.

III. PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT

1. Proposals and Recommendations for the Improvement of Existing Conditions.

a. Action recommended for IAB consideration.

(1) That the Foreign Industrial Establishments paper (a) be modified to permit each agency to retain its own working files of data, furnishing copies, if available or required, to CIG and furnishing complete lists of holdings of such

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data to CIG for Central Indexing Purposes, and (b) be included in modified form on the agenda of an early IAB meeting.

(2) The cognizance be taken of current State Department preparations for inaugurating a program of external research among U. S. universities and colleges with a view toward insuring that CIG and IAB requirements in this respect are met. It should be noted that ORE proposed such a program to ICAPS 29 January 1947 with particular reference to Latin American countries. It is firmly believed that the basic intelligence potential of such a program should be exploited for maximum benefit to U. S. intelligence agencies, rather than by a single agency for its own particular requirements.

b. Action within CIG. It is recommended that a detailed analysis of the intelligence potential of non-IAB governmental agencies be made. While some appreciation of this subject has been made within ORE, it is believed that a full scale analysis would further benefit ORE, OCD and OO as well, and would also facilitate the somewhat difficult problem of non-IAB liaison activities.

c. Action within ORE. Implementation of ORE's recently approved organizational realignment will result in substantial improvements in intelligence production activities. Significant among these improvements are: organizational provision for attention to the global situation, undiverted by the necessity to participate in all daily problems of intelligence production; and, organizational provision for staff attention, with equal emphasis upon the specific requirements for production of current, basic and CIG staff intelligence on a combined regional-functional basis.

2. Projects Contemplated within the Near Future.

a. A meeting with representatives of the scientific and technical intelligence units of the IAB agencies has been scheduled for 9 July to consider an integrated program for the production of scientific intelligence. JRDB will be represented at this meeting in the status of an observer.

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b. Intelligence production will proceed in accordance with the ORE quarterly production program. No revisions are contemplated, other than adjustments to time schedules interrupted by unusual requirements from SWNCC not predictable in this report.

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